

Sunday Aug 3

Dear Mom, Dad, & Mary,

I just finished talking to you on the phone. I think you need more than 15¢ to send a letter to England. You can, however, use a 15¢ stamp for my Fleet Post Office address:

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CINCSNAVEUR BOX 2
FPO NEW YORK 09510.

I mailed this letter through the FPO.

We just got home from a very nice weekend trip. Saturday we drove to Peterborough, saw the cathedral and then went on ~~to~~ to Lincoln where there is a famous cathedral and a castle built by William the Conqueror in 1068. We stayed overnight and returned via Skegness on the North Sea. The English countryside is beautiful and driving reminds me of older days in the U.S. ~~town~~ with many twists and grass right up to the pavement.

The town of Steyning also had an air of nostalgia. It is a resort area for families from central England, mostly middle class. There are donkey rides, roller coaster, boating, a bowling green, and many other amusements.

Driving back there were many roadside stands at which we bought tomatoes, cauliflower, onions, potatoes, and peaches. We happened upon a strawberry farm and picked two pints. We have consumed one with ice cream and tea.

Everything is going well at work and Vickie has gotten pretty well organized. She spends 4 hours per day on household duties and has the remainder free. We have lunch once a week and try to see a play a week.

I may go to Italy for a month in late Sept. Maybe Vickie will come along.

Love,
Jim & Vickie
